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TO:

Minerals File

FROM:

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RE:

Site Inspection, Bedrock Stone Company, Bacon Rock Project, S/037/101, San Juan

County, Utah

Date of Inspection:

September 8, 2000

Time of Inspection:

9:10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Conditions:

Partly Cloudy, Warm

Participants:

Hector Cordova, mine crew; Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection:

To examine the site while in the area and look at the waste rock slopes in response

to request by the mine operator.

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, I talked with Eldon Virgil at his stone yard outside of Blanding. He had some questions about reclaiming the outslopes of the old waste dumps. He thought about pushing some soil material over these rock slopes. The soils would be recovered from waste piles after screening out rock materials for use as product.

The site was active at the time of this inspection. Equipment and a number of workers were at the site actively splitting stone or other activities. I spoke with Hector Cordova who was one of the workers at the site who spoke English and Spanish. There are some old waste rock slopes on the north side of the site with the access road located down below. Photographs were taken of the mine site from a high point nearby. One photo shows the currently drilled portion of the rock quarry where the track excavator is located, with the other photos looking toward the south - southeast. Rock materials have been pulled back from the edge of the slope along the eastern edge of the quarry.

A visual estimate of the current quarry disturbance would be between  $2\frac{1}{2}$  - 3 acres. Additional photos were taken looking northeast to the northwest over the mine site from up on a rocky point to the southwest of the quarry. A field sketch of the general layout of the site was made from this vantage point.

The waste dump slopes contain fines, but they are lighter in color than the surrounding soils. Placing fines from screening the rock piles would make the slopes the same color as they are now. Rather than placing additional soils on the dump slopes, it may be more useful to stockpile the fines for use as topsoil to be spread over the quarry at final reclamation. It would be best to avoid dumping additional waste down these slopes and broadcast seed these dump slopes as soon as possible.















